PRESIDENT: Writing serious letters ! (*laughter.*) Every officer who has got anything to do with this, including the Reconstruction Officer, who has just returned two days ago, has been told to concentrate his attention on this question, but the Government of India have turned their attention to Bengal. All their Secretaries and high officials are flocked in Calcutta, as the honourable member might have seen, because, the lawyers have photographed that they go naked to the Courts; and apparently, they are much interested with the photographs, with the result that all the Government Secretaries and the Textile Commissioner, Mr. Vellodi, and two of his Assistants and a number of persons have gone to Calcutta and they have now started a Committee composed partly of them and partly of other gentlemen and the cloth is going to be distributed to them. We now need no photographs, but we have very strongly complained about the manner in which we have been treated. From the 'Madraa Mail" of yesterday, it may be noted that the same question has arisen in Madras; and full-page photographs have been published of people in front of the shops in Madras and the police "gently" pushing the crowd to form a queue. If the Government of India are not to give a better quota, we have to start rationing on a scale similar to the one that is adopted for food.

Sale of standard cloth.

437 ✻**MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state the names of the merchants to whom standard cloth was given for sale at Chirayinkil and Nedumangad during the period January to June 1945 and the quantity (in yards) given to each merchant?

MR. T. K GOPALAN NAIR:

1.	Mr. P. Kunjan, Cloth Merchant,	Attingal.	37,945 yards.
2.	Mr. S. K. Raghavan,	do. Nedumangad.	4,180 yards.
3.	Mr. Kunjukrishnan,	do. Chirayinkil.	2,280 yards.

License to sell yarn.

438 ✻**MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of persons who hold license to sell yarn in the taluks of Chirayinkil and Nedumangad; and

(*b*) the number of persons who were given yarn for sale on more than one occasion with the respective number of times yarn was supplied with the quantity of yarn supplied each time?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR:

(*a*) Chirayinkil 15
Nedumangad 2

(*b*) The question is vague.

Yarn distributed by Co-operative Societies.

439 ✻**MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state the quantity of yarn (in bales) handed over to the Registrar of Co-operative Societies for distribution in the months of March, April and May 1945?

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MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: 292 bales (Stock issued).

Complaints about the subordinates in the Revenue Department.

*440. *MR. P. O. THOMAS (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state;

(*a*) whether they have received complaints about the subordinates in the Revenue Department in Parur and Kunnatnad in the years 1119 and 1120;

(*b*) if so, how many complaints in Parur and Kunnatnad taluks respectively:

(*c*) how many were enquired into;

(*d*) if so, how many were punished; and

(*e*) the average pendency of such complaints in the enquiry stage?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Kunnatnad 1119—3
1120—4

Parur 1119—Nil
1120—1

(*c*) All of them were enquired into.

(*d*) Kunnatnad 1119—None punished.
1120—Enquiry completed in three cases. None punished. One pending enquiry.

Parur 1120—One punished.

(*e*) Three months.

Ration rate of paddy.

441. *MR. GHAZHIKKATTU JOSEPH (*Minachil* cum *Thodupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that the agriculturists who sell their paddy to Government at Re. 1½ per para, are purchasing the same or other paddy at the ration rate of Rs. 2 or more per para?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR (*Director of Food Supplies*): Agriculturists who have to depend on ration have sometimes to purchase paddy at the rate at which it is distributed.

Pasture lands for cattle.

442. *MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: (*Neyyattinkara* cum *Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware of the want of proper pasture lands for cattle in the State and if so, what steps have been taken to remedy this want?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Yes, the ryots are advised to feed their cattle with fodder crops specially raised for the purpose in their own compounds. Sets and seeds of fodder crops are being distributed by the department free to the ryots to encourage the cultivation in all available areas.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): May I know the total extent of pasture lands in the State?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Only roughly about 2,000 acres.

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